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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 10-12 are now pending.

The status of the parent application has been updated, as required by the Examiner.

In view of the cancellation of all pending claims in favor of new claims 10-12, the outstanding rejections are rendered moot. The new claims are method claims based on the patented system claims of the parent application, and are believed to be distinguishable from the prior art for the similar reasons for which the parent claims were deemed patentable.

A terminal disclaimer is also being submitted herewith to avoid any possible double-patenting rejection in the future, thereby expediting allowance of the application.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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